

Minutes Friends of the Salem Library March 13, 2016

The March 13, 2016, meeting of The Friends of the Salem Library was called to order by the president, Ken Sosnowski.

Seventeen members were in attendance.

The secretary read the minutes of the January meeting which were approved as read.

Joyce Foster gave the treasurer's report. \$350.00 which was authorized at the last meeting has been paid to the legislative liaison. As of our meeting date we have \$23,951.32 in checking, \$1,752.52 in savings, and \$8,000.00, \$3,000.00, and \$1,000.00 in CDs. The \$1,000.00 CD has matured but has been left for now for the rate. Our ending cash balance is \$37,713.93 which includes interest from the matured CD.

#### Old Business

The Roanoke Valley Gives Foundation event page is up and running. Anne Tripp said the Library will also take cash and turn it over to our treasurer.

The library staff is still working on the furniture issue we discussed in January and there is no new information on the roof issue.

#### New Business

The library needs a new projector for presentations in the meeting room. The current projector does not work well with new technology. It also needs a new bulb which would be an expensive replacement for the value of the current projector. Lee Hartman has given an estimate of \$6,501.85 for the projector, cabling, etc. and labor that would be needed. The library will be getting a second quote from a business that has been used by other local libraries.

Anne also talked about the Summer Reading Program. The theme for this year is fitness oriented. The library would like \$3,025.00 to help with this program. A handout on these requests will be placed with the minutes in our records.

Charlie Draper moved we appropriate up to \$7,000.00 for the projector and up to \$3,025.00 for the Summer Reading Program for a total of \$10,025.00. The motion was seconded and after discussion was passed.

In response to a question Charlie said the publishing of the last newsletter went smoothly and also thanked Anne Tripp for articles .

The student art show sponsored by the Friends will be held on May 15. The library has acquired more hanging capability and expects a large number of students to be involved. Jane Wright moved we appropriate up to \$300.00 to help with refreshments and other needs for the art show. The motion was seconded and passed. Anyone wishing to help in other ways should contact Anne.

Ken mentioned that the dates for the book sale are September 9, 10, and 11. As of now we still have use of our storage area.

Sara Ahalt announced that the Campbell's Labels program is coming to an end. If you have labels please turn them in soon so the labels we have can be used for the library before they expire.

Leisa Thompson spoke about the value of storytelling and about some opportunities beyond the event we have helped to sponsor. Part of her information will be referred to the children's services librarian. Leisa asked for support for an event involving storyteller Sheila Arnold Jones to coincide with a Library on the Lawn event scheduled for April 30 if plans can be worked out.

Charlie Draper moved we authorize up to \$200.00 for the storytelling event. The motion was seconded and passed.

Joyce Foster announced she is looking into moving our accounts because of fees our bank is now charging.

Sara Ahalt reminded board members of the meeting to follow the regular meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

Susan Ahalt, Secretary